

Hunter Orange Requirements for Master Hunters

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Overview

- The Master Hunter Permit Program was developed to:
 - Promote safe, ethical, responsible & legal hunting;
 - Promote support in the general public for hunting;
 - Promote the highest standards of hunting;
 - Improve landowner-sportsman relations;
 - Engage participants in volunteer conservation projects that benefit wildlife, wildlife habitat, promote hunting access on private land, and associated priorities; and
 - Develop a Corps of Master Hunters that can be engaged in addressing highly sensitive wildlife depredation issues.

Overview

- Master Hunters are utilized to address deer, elk and goose damage through
 - Participation in special permit hunts
 - Participation in Master Hunter general season hunts
- Approximately 1,700 Master Hunters

Issue

- Some confusion regarding when Master Hunters are required to wear orange
- Need to provide definitive regulatory clarity to the hunter orange requirement for master hunters.

Proposed Change

- Add clarifying language to WAC 232-12-055
 - Increase Master Hunter safety, by making Master Hunters more visible to other hunters who are hunting during an overlapping general modern firearm season
 - Ensure Master Hunters are setting a good example
 - Allows WDFW to authorize exceptions through damage permits when hunter orange is undesirable

Questions?

